

VZCZCXYZ0019  
RR RUEHWEB

DE RUEHSQ #0734 2161045  
ZNR UUUUU ZZH  
R 041045Z AUG 06  
FM AMEMBASSY SKOPJE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5004

UNCLAS SKOPJE 000734

SIPDIS

SIPDIS

DEPT FOR EUR/SCE

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [KPKO](#) [MARR](#) [MASS](#) [MK](#)

SUBJECT: MACEDONIAN GOVERNMENT WELCOMES GPOI PARTNERSHIP

REF: STATE 121591

(U) As requested in reftel, Chief of the Office of Defense Cooperation has approached the Minister of Defense and the Chief of Defense to propose Macedonia's participation in GPOI. The GOM welcomes the USG's invitation to participate in GPOI. MOD officials request that GPOI resources be used to equip, educate, and train the Military Police Battalion of the Army of the Republic of Macedonia. Following the July parliamentary elections, a new Minister of Defense will likely be named by the end of August. Post will reiterate the USG's interest in Macedonia's participation in GPOI once the new Minister is in place and anticipates continued interest from the GOM.  
MILOVANOVIC